

GERMAN AND WILSON PEACE
NOTES

to bring the horrors of war to an end,
the four
Allied Powers propose to enter even now
into peace
negotiations. They feel sure that the
No indication propositions which they
would bring
of terms forward and which
would aim to
assure the existence, honour, and free
development of their peoples would be
such as
to serve as a basis for the restoration of
a lasting
peace.

If, notwithstanding this offer of
peace and
conciliation the struggle should
continue, the four
Allied Powers are resolved to carry it on
to an end,
while solemnly disclaiming any
responsibility before
mankind and history.

The Imperial Government has the
honour to
ask through your obliging medium, the
Government
of the United States to be pleased to
transmit the
present communication to the
Government of the
French Republic, to the Royal
Government of
Great Britain, to the Imperial
Government of
Japan, to the Royal Government of
Roumania, to
the Imperial Government of Russia, and
to the
Royal Government of Serbia.

I take this opportunity to renew to
you, Mr.
Charge d'Affaires, the assurance of my
high
consideration.

VON BETHMANN
HOLLWEG.

To Mr. Joseph Clark Grew,
Charge d'Affaires of the
United
States of America."

This was not the language of an enemy
suing for
peace after a crushing defeat in the field,
or of a foe